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DATE:

April 5, 2007

TO:

Community, Economic and Human Development Committee

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Overview and Progress Report of the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discuss and give direction as needed.

BACKGROUND:

Staff has worked with the Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force, and at the direction of the Regional Council and Policy Committees, to develop preliminary performance outcomes and strategies for each of the nine chapters of the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP). Taken collectively, this material forms the centerpiece of SCAG's new RCP. The Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD) has purview over the plan as a whole, as well as over the two chapters within the committee's subject areas (Land Use and Housing and Economy).

The preliminary plan outcomes will be reviewed in detail with the CEHD Committee at its April 5 meeting. These outcomes should create aggressive yet achievable performance expectations for the region. These outcomes both build on existing regional policies and initiatives, including promoting land use efficiencies and the land use and transportation connection, as well as expanding the region's policy perspective in several areas. Of note, the preliminary plan outcomes identify ambitious goals for energy conservation, open space and park protection. The full set of approved preliminary plan outcomes is attached to this report.

The approval of preliminary plan outcomes leads to the next phase of plan development, which includes the following highlights:

- Regional workshop on bond implementation and the RCP (late April)
- Intensive public outreach on the plan and individual chapters (thru June)
- Development of plan implementation strategies and refinements to plan outcomes (thru June)
- Presentation of final draft chapters (summer)
- Release of full draft RCP (late summer)
- Adoption of RCP (concurrent with Regional Transportation Plan)

At this stage, staff and the RCP Task Force are seeking input on preliminary performance outcomes and strategies developed to date and on the approach for bringing the plan to completion.



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FISCAL IMPACT:

The work effort needed to complete the Regional Comprehensive Plan is included in the current fiscal year OWP at 07-035.

Reviewed by:

Division Manager

Reviewed by:

Department Director

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Chief)Financial Officer

2007 SCAG Regional Comprehensive Plan Preliminary Performance Outcomes

Outcome Category	Initial Proposed Quantifier (selected)
Vehicle Miles Traveled per Household	10% Reduction from current conditions
Housing Supply	1 unit per 3 persons population growth
	1 unit per 1.5 jobs employment growth
Urban Density	Increase in density of currently urbanized
	land area
Total Land Consumption	Newly urbanizing area developed at higher
	density than existing urbanized area
Green Building	Number of cities enacting standards or
	incentives
Regionally important open space	Reduction in rate of loss
	TBD% of priority open space in protection
Community open space	Increase in park space per 1,000 residents
	TBD # of Compass partner cities
	incorporating park standards
Agricultural lands	Reduction in conversion to non-agricultural
	uses
Waterwise Land Use and Local Policies	Increased natural areas for infiltration and
	cleaning
	Increased percolation
Integration of Water Management Planning	Increased implementation of integrated
	projects
Water Conservation and Stewardship	Increase in habitat conservation plans and
	constructed wetlands
Waterwise Transportation Planning	Reduced impairment listings wrt trans.
	facilities
777 0 1 7 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	Ongoing monitoring of water quality
Water Supply Reliability	Lowered per capita consumption
	Increased water storage capacity
	Increased local water supply
Fossil Fuel Consumption	20% decrease from current conditions
Renewable Energy	Increase share of renewables in region's
***	energy use
Waste Reduction	Increase from current conditions
Waste Reuse	Increase from current conditions
Waste Recylcling	Increase from current conditions
Conversion Technologies	Permit viable facility(ies) in Southern
	California
Jobs	Low unemployment
Wages	Historic high per job earnings

Economic Equity	Economic growth shared evenly among
	income quartiles
Green Economy	Share of economic growth in sustainable
	industries
Incompatible Land Uses (AQ and health)	100% of cities adopt policies to minimize
	exposure to contaminants by sensitive
	receptors
Transit Related Crime	Reduction from current conditions
Train accidents	10% reduction
Transportation security surveillance	Increase in installed equipment
Regional Transit Security Strategy	100% compliance
Infrastructure safety	Number of facilities undergoing retrofit or
	improvement
Accident/incident related congestion	Increased re-routes
Regional disaster recovery	Increase plans and agreements on
	continuity of government
TRANSPORTATION OUTCOMES	TBD, pending RTP process